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MEMORANDUM FOR Secretaries of the Military Departments
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: The National Tasking Plan for the Exploitation of Multi-Sensor Imagery

REFERENCE: Secretary of Defense memorandum of 11 Oct 1965, subject: Ad Hoc Imagery Interpretation Review Group (SecDef Control No. X-5722)

The Director of Central Intelligence and I have jointly approved the report of the Joint Imagery Interpretation Review Group, including the "National Tasking Plan for the Exploitation of Multi-Sensor Imagery." A copy of the complete report is attached. We share the conviction that the application of our respective imagery interpretation resources in consonance with this Plan will contribute to the maximum effective utilization and development of these resources in satisfying short- and long-term U.S. intelligence needs for image-derived information at the national level.

Under the provisions of this Plan, responsibility is specifically vested in the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, for the coordinated tasking of participating Department of Defense elements.

All DoD organizations, agencies, commands, and units tasked by, or participating in this Plan will direct their efforts toward insuring its successful implementation and execution. Additionally, to the fullest extent practicable, all DoD elements will take continuing advantage of the information made available as a result of this Plan.

Further instructions and guidance on the time-phased implementation of the Plan, as well as the actions required within the Department of Defense on the approved report recommendations, will be provided by the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, in consonance with his normal responsibilities under DoD Directive 5105.21.

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